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3 a base for supporting the motor,
4 the base provided at a central portion of a frame and supported at the central
5 portion of the frame by means of stays; and
6 a chamber for accommodating electrical components formed in the
7 base, the back portion of the chamber is adapted to be sealed by a removable
8 cover.

1 2 (Amended). A blower having an impeller adapted to be rotated by means of a
2 motor, comprising

3 a base for supporting the motor,
4 the base provided at a central portion of a frame and supported at the
5 central portion of the frame by means of stays;

6 a bearing apparatus for supporting a central portion of the impeller, the
7 bearing apparatus including:

8 a sleeve,

9 a stepped shaft including a larger diameter portion and a reduced
10 diameter portion,

11 a first raceway formed around an outer peripheral surface of the larger
12 diameter portion,

13 a second raceway formed on an inner peripheral surface of the sleeve so as to
14 correspond with the first raceway,

15 balls of a first row interposed between the first and second raceways,

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16 an inner ring fit over the reduced diameter portion of the shaft and secured
17 thereto,

18 a third raceway formed around an outer peripheral surface of the inner ring,
19 a fourth raceway formed on the inner peripheral surface of the sleeve
20 so as to correspond with the third raceway,

21 balls of a second row interposed between the third and fourth raceways, and
22 a chamber for accommodating electrical components formed in the
23 base,

24 the chamber having an opening at a rear portion thereof,

B2 25 wherein the rear opening of the chamber is occluded by a cover detachably
26 mounted on the base.

1 3 (Amended). A blower having an impeller adapted to be rotated by means
2 of a motor comprising:

3 a base for supporting the motor, the base is provided and supported at the
4 central portion of a frame by means of stays; and

5 a chamber for accommodating electrical components formed in the base,
6 the back portion of the chamber is adapted to be sealed by a removable cover,

7 wherein the chamber is formed by the base having a flange extending
8 backward from the outer periphery thereof to form a cylindrical body with a
9 bottom, the chamber having an opening at the rear thereof, and the rear opening of
10 the base is occluded by the cover detachably mounted by screws on the base.

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1 4 (Amended). A blower having an impeller adapted to be rotated by means
2 of a motor comprising:

3 a base for supporting the motor, the base is provided and supported at the
4 central portion of a frame by means of stays;

5 a bearing apparatus for supporting a central portion of the impeller, the
6 bearing apparatus including:

7 a sleeve,

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8 a stepped shaft including a larger diameter portion and a reduced diameter
9 portion,

10 the first raceway formed at an appropriate position around the outer
11 peripheral surface of the larger diameter portion,

12 the second raceway formed on an inner peripheral surface of the sleeve so
13 as to correspond with the first raceway,

14 balls of a first row interposed between the first and second raceways,

15 an inner ring fit over the reduced diameter portion of the shaft and secured
16 thereto,

17 the third raceway formed around an outer peripheral surface of the inner
18 ring,

19 the fourth raceway formed on the inner peripheral surface of the sleeve so
20 as to correspond with the third raceway,

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21 balls of a second row interposed between the third and fourth raceways,
22 and
23 a chamber for accommodating electrical components formed in the base,
24 the back portion of the chamber is adapted to be sealed by a removable cover,
25 wherein the chamber is formed by the base having a flange extending
26 backward from the outer periphery thereof to form a cylindrical body with
27 a bottom, the chamber having an opening at the rear thereof, and the rear
28 opening of the base is occluded by the cover detachably mounted by screws
29 on the base.

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1 6 (New). A blower having an impeller adapted to be rotated by means of a
2 motor, comprising:
3 a base for supporting the motor,
4 the base provided at a central portion of a frame and supported at the central
5 portion of the frame by means of stays; and
6 a chamber for accommodating electrical components formed in the base,
7 the chamber having an opening at a rear portion thereof,
8 wherein the rear opening of the chamber is occluded by a cover
9 detachably mounted on the base.

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7 (New). The blower as claimed in claim 6, wherein the rear portion of the
chamber is at a downwind side of the blower.

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- 1 8 (New). The blower as claimed in claim 6, wherein the chamber is formed
2 by the base having a flange extending backward from the outer periphery thereof
3 to form a cylindrical body with a bottom.

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- 9 (New). The blower as claimed in claim 2, wherein the rear portion of the
chamber is at a downwind side of the blower.

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- 1 10 (New). The blower as claimed in claim 2, wherein the chamber is formed
2 by the base having a flange extending backward from the outer periphery thereof
3 to form a cylindrical body with a bottom.

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1 1 (Amended). A blower having an impeller adapted to be rotated by means of
2 a motor, comprising:

3 a base for supporting the motor,

4 the base [is] provided at a central portion of a frame and supported at the
5 central portion of [a] the frame by means of stays; and

6 a chamber for accommodating electrical components formed in the
7 base, the back portion of the chamber is adapted to be sealed by a removable
8 cover.

1 2 (Amended). A blower having an impeller adapted to be rotated by means of a
2 motor, comprising

3 a base for supporting the motor,

4 the base [is] provided [~~and supported at the~~] at a central portion of a frame
5 and supported at the central portion of the frame by means of stays;

6 a bearing apparatus for supporting a central portion of the impeller, the
7 bearing apparatus including:

8 a sleeve,

9 a stepped shaft including a larger diameter portion and a reduced
10 diameter portion,

11 [the] a first raceway formed [at an appropriate position] around [the] an
12 outer peripheral surface of the larger diameter portion,

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13 [the] a second raceway formed on an inner peripheral surface of the sleeve so as
14 to correspond with the first raceway,

15 balls of a first row interposed between the first and second raceways,

16 an inner ring fit over the reduced diameter portion of the shaft and secured
17 thereto,

18 [the] a third raceway formed around an outer peripheral surface of the inner
19 ring,

20 [the] a fourth raceway formed on the inner peripheral surface of the
21 sleeve so as to correspond with the third raceway,

22 balls of a second row interposed between the third and fourth raceways, and

23 a chamber for accommodating electrical components formed in the
24 base, [the back portion of the chamber is adapted to be sealed by a removable
25 cover]

26 the chamber having an opening at a rear portion thereof.

27 wherein the rear opening of the chamber is occluded by a cover detachably
28 mounted on the base.

1 3 (Amended). [The blower as claimed in claim 1] A blower having an
2 impeller adapted to be rotated by means of a motor comprising:

3 a base for supporting the motor, the base is provided and supported at the
4 central portion of a frame by means of stays; and

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5 a chamber for accommodating electrical components formed in the base,
6 the back portion of the chamber is adapted to be sealed by a removable cover,

7 wherein the chamber [for accommodating electrical components] is formed
8 by the base having a flange extending backward from the outer periphery
9 thereof to form a cylindrical body with a bottom, the chamber having an opening
10 at the rear thereof, and the rear opening of the base is occluded by the cover
11 detachably mounted by screws on the base.

1 4 (Amended). [The blower as claimed in claim 2] A blower having an
2 impeller adapted to be rotated by means of a motor comprising:

3 a base for supporting the motor, the base is provided and supported at the
4 central portion of a frame by means of stays;

5 a bearing apparatus for supporting a central portion of the impeller, the
6 bearing apparatus including:

7 a sleeve,

8 a stepped shaft including a larger diameter portion and a reduced diameter
9 portion,

10 the first raceway formed at an appropriate position around the outer
11 peripheral surface of the larger diameter portion,

12 the second raceway formed on an inner peripheral surface of the sleeve so
13 as to correspond with the first raceway,

14 balls of a first row interposed between the first and second raceways,

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15 an inner ring fit over the reduced diameter portion of the shaft and secured

16 thereto,

17 the third raceway formed around an outer peripheral surface of the inner

18 ring,

19 the fourth raceway formed on the inner peripheral surface of the sleeve so

20 as to correspond with the third raceway,

21 balls of a second row interposed between the third and fourth raceways,

22 and

23 a chamber for accommodating electrical components formed in the base,

24 the back portion of the chamber is adapted to be sealed by a removable cover,

25 wherein the chamber [for accommodating electrical components] is formed

26 by the base having a flange extending backward from the outer periphery

27 thereof to form a cylindrical body with a bottom, the chamber having an

28 opening at the rear thereof, and the rear opening of the base is occluded

29 by the cover detachably mounted by screws on the base.